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## Hitler And Mussolini Now Face

### Three Major Problems

# AXIS MORALE IS BADLY SHAKEN

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

**THOUGH THE GERMANS ARE INTENSIFYING THEIR AIR ATTACK ON THIS COUNTRY, AS THEY HAVE LONG THREATENED TO DO, I AM CONVINCED THAT THE NAZI LEADERS ARE SERIOUSLY PERTURBED BY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE REICH ITSELF AND ALSO IN ITALY.**

Information reaching me from reliable neutral sources indicates that Hitler and his chief advisers are trying feverishly to find a solution to three major problems.

(1) **In Germany:** Despite intensified propaganda and Gestapo terrorism, the people's war effort has fallen off considerably and their morale is visibly weakening under the strain of incessant bombing raids by the R.A.F. and pressure of the blockade.

(2) **In Britain:** The obvious failure of the German sea and air offensive to sap our morale; to prevent the regular arrival of our war requirements; and to impede the steady growth of our fighting strength.

(3) **In Italy:** The reaction of the Italian public, now beginning to realise that the "early victory" promised by Hitler and Mussolini is "off"; the increasing uneasiness caused by Britain's naval pressure; and the uncertainty between Rome and Berlin about future moves.

The Nazi leaders fear that, if these three threats were once appreciated and understood by the mass of the German people, there might be a landslide in public opinion.

Such a landslide, it is realised, might gain in momentum until it was beyond their power to control. Current events make it more and more difficult to keep the truth from the masses.

I have previously referred to the split in the Nazi High Command on the question of invasion, but the need to bolster up the morale of their people has latterly become so desperate that Hitler's advisers agreed that the only diversion sufficiently spectacular to calm popular doubts was a sustained mass air attack on Britain.

How desperate that need was is obvious from the fact that these mass raids—unlike those which brought success in Poland and on the old Western Front—are entirely unsupported by any simultaneous attack by land or sea.

It has long been a cardinal point in the Nazi war theory, that an air onslaught should only be made at the same time as a land offensive.

In spite of this, it was believed that an air attack upon Britain would meet with swift success.

In the last few days, however, to judge from captured Nazi airmen, not only has the Luftwaffe received a severe shock—with likely loss of morale—but the extravagant Nazi claims of huge air "victories" have had precisely the opposite effect to that which was intended.

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## A.A. Guns Fire At Unseen Raiders

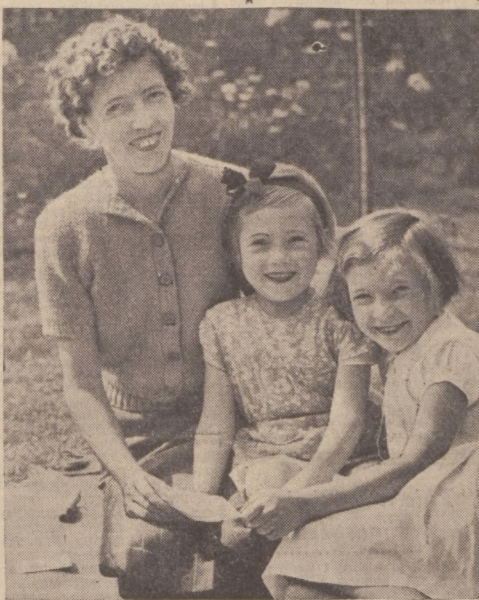
**ANTI-AIRCRAFT** guns were in action in South-east England last evening. Shells could be seen bursting, but the aircraft—it is believed there were two—were too high to be seen without glasses.

Following is the German version of the incident—or, maybe, of an incident that didn't happen:

German bombers attacked England again this afternoon, stated the official German News Agency tonight. All the bombers returned with the exception of three, whose arrival was awaited, added the Agency.

German fighter pilots were said to have reported that the British showed little enthusiasm, and as a result there was no extensive air battle.—B.U.P.

"DADDY'S  
WON THE  
V.C."



Mrs. Phyllis Stannard, wife of Lt.-Cmdr. Richard Stannard, the new Naval V.C., shows the telegram informing her of her husband's honour to their two children, Jean and Diana. (See story in Page Seven.)

## Nazis Declare "Blockade Of Britain"

Berlin, Saturday.  
**GERMANY** has sent new Note to neutral countries asking them to ban their ships from entering the war zone.

This is announced by the German High Command today in a statement declaring that "total blockade" of Britain is to be enforced immediately because "Britain has broken all laws of international sea warfare."

"Every neutral ship which sails for British waters in future exposes itself to the danger of destruction," the High Command states.

"The whole area is infested with mines. Planes will attack every ship,"—Reuter

According to A.P. authorised sources in Berlin said that Elre's territorial waters were not affected by the blockade.

"Just a Nazi Ruse."—Page Three.

## "BRITISH BATTLESHIP OFF BERBERA"

—ROME REPORT

Rome, Saturday.  
The British battleship Royal Sovereign (29,150 tons) is anchored off Berbera, British Somaliland, to protect an evacuation from the port, the Italian Stefani Agency stated today.

## Germany Warns Them

# U.S.A. SHIP IN DANGER

Berlin, Saturday.

**THE U.S. Government** yesterday ordered the transport ship American Legion to leave the Finnish port of Petsamo with American evacuees on board in defiance of a German warning that the route chosen would be

accompanied by great danger.

This was announced tonight by the official German news agency, which added that the Reich Government had informed the American Embassy in Berlin that the United States Government must accept full responsibility for its decision.

## NAVY CLOSES THE BAY OF BISCAY

**THE ADMIRALTY LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT THE ENGLISH CHANNEL EAST OF A LINE DRAWN FROM OFF LAND'S END TO NORTH-WEST FRANCE AND WATERS EAST OF A LINE FROM NORTH-WEST FRANCE TO THE FRANCO-SPANISH WESTERN FRONTIER ARE DANGEROUS TO NAVIGATION.**

These waters are all the Channel and the Bay of Biscay. Masters of ships bound to or from British ports in the Channel should apply to the British naval authorities or to a British Consul if in a foreign port for route instructions.

"Any vessels disregarding the terms of this notice will do so at their peril," the Admiralty stated.

**ANGLO-JAPANESE DISPUTE SETTLED**  
Shanghai, Sat.

The Anglo-Japanese dispute concerning the holding-up at Canton of the British-owned steamer Fatshan (2,639 tons) was settled today. The Fatshan is leaving for Hongkong on Monday.

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## GERMAN PILOTS DEMORALISED

### BY R.A.F.'s FIGHTING SUPREMACY

# British Civilians Are The Target Now

**WITH THE FAILURE OF HIS ATTEMPT TO BLOCKADE BRITAIN BY ATTACKS ON SHIPPING AND PORTS, HITLER IS NOW PREPARING TO DIRECT THE FULL FURY OF HIS AIRKRIEG AGAINST BRITISH CIVILIANS.**

When France capitulated, Hitler flung his air force against our ports, dockyards and shipping, only to find that the more planes he sent the fewer returned.

Foiled and angered, he switched over his attacks from the Channel to South and South-East coasts and increased the intensity of his assaults on the North-East coast and parts of the South-West. By this means he hoped to blockade this country, but again he found his plans completely upset by the superiority of the R.A.F. over his much-vaunted air might.

Then he began a series of attacks on airfields over widely scattered areas, but so far he has met with little success and the damage inflicted has been negligible.

These failures have cost the Luftwaffe dearly and what is more important, the tremendous losses are having a demoralising effect on the pilots. It has been said by neutral observers that German planes have been seen to dash for home on the appearance of a single British fighter.

There is ample proof for the first time that German airmen have come up against a force which is infinitely superior both in personnel and material.

And, as our successes have increased, so has the unparalleled courage of our airmen shone more brilliantly.

### R.A.F. MEN ANGERED

One of our air heroes stated recently that the sight of the enemy dropping bombs on British soil has put up the blood of the R.A.F. fighters.

That feature has been evident by the desire of our men to go into action time and time again on the same day. Nothing is too much for them.

And within the last forty-eight hours there are growing signs that Hitler, in a mood of desperation and fury at his schemes being frustrated, is preparing to vent his wrath on the civilian population.

During his raids on London suburbs his airmen find not hesitated to machine-gun people in the streets, and this has been followed by the deliberate attack on Eastbourne, where there is no military objective.

These developments suggest that he is now contemplating a grand offensive against these islands, and will not hesitate to resort to any tactics which he considers will help to terrorise our people.

But wherever he may strike he will find our Air Force and A.A. defences ready to meet his attacks, and a people who are confident of shattering his wildest dreams.

### BARRAGE OF FIRE

When Hitler looks at his balance sheet—if Goebbels lets him know the truth—he will find that he has lost 492 machines in the present week against 115 British—more than four times to one in our favour.

Of these 492 machines anti-aircraft gunners have shot down 57. Nearly half of these were claimed on Thursday, when 22 of the 180 German machines destroyed were brought down by A.A. fire.

Anti-aircraft gunners have fought the enemy's attacks day after day along our coasts from Newcastle to Plymouth.

Their barrage of fire caused dozens of German raiders to turn back for every one they have destroyed. They have seen their enemies crash on sea or land at Tyne and Tees-side, Humber and Harwich, Thames and Medway, Dover and Folkestone, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

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## 2,000 Yards Chain Of Fire

# R.A.F. SMASH UP BIG OIL PLANT

**LARGE NUMBERS OF R.A.F. BOMBERS, FLYING FAR INTO GERMANY, CAUSED TERRIFIC DAMAGE TO SOME OF GERMANY'S MOST IMPORTANT WAR PLANT, THE AIR MINISTRY REPORTED LAST NIGHT.**

Many of the targets had not been attacked before. All were so vital to Germany that they were powerfully defended.

That did not stop the R.A.F. Among the places they bombed were:—

Leuna oil plant, the biggest in the world, with an output of 400,000 tons a year.

Carl Zeiss plant, Jena.

Messerschmitt factory, Augsburg.

Aircraft stores, Kolleda, near Weimar.

Benzine plant, Bohlen, near Leipzig.

Junkers assembly plant, Bernburg.

Pressed steel factory, Frankfurt.

Most spectacular of all was the raid on the synthetic oil factory at Leuna.

### CHAIN OF FIRES

Hundreds of bombs were dropped until, an hour after the first British flier had let go his load, the main plant, 2,000 yards long, was marked by a chain of fires from which dense smoke poured.

Ground defences put up an intense barrage of fire from heavy and light A.A. guns, pom-poms and machine guns, all working in co-operation with batteries of searchlights.

Despite all this the R.A.F. bombers followed each other methodically over the target.

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## LIBYA PORTS SHELLED

### Mediterranean Fleet In Action

**BRITISH Naval Forces, consisting of battleships and cruisers, yesterday bombarded Bardia and Fort Capuzzo in Libya and other military objectives in the vicinity.**

Fleet Air Arm aircraft were used for spotting during the bombardment and reported that many salvoes hit the targets, an Admiralty communique stated last night.

Following this bombardment the Fleet was subjected to heavy bombing attacks by Italian aircraft. These caused no damage or casualties in the Fleet, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reported.

At least two enemy bombers were seen by ships to fall into the sea, shot down by the fighter escort provided by the R.A.F. The Italians have now withdrawn from Fort Capuzzo, it was stated in an Army communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

# Submarine Is Feared Lost

**THE Admiralty announced last night that H.M. submarine Orpheus (Lt.-Cmdr. J. A. S. Wise, R.N.) is considerably overdue and must be presumed lost. The next of kin have been informed.**

The Orpheus (1,475 tons) was commissioned at Dalmuir in 1930 as tender to Medway, the submarine depot ship.

She had a submerged horsepower of 4,400, and carried one 4-in. gun. She was in the Fourth Submarine Flotilla and was stationed in China.

## Flew Through

### Lane Of Gunfire

# HELL- DIVE BY NEW V.C.

**AN airman who braved a murderous lane of fire to bomb his target and then brought his half-shattered plane safely home, has been awarded the Victoria Cross.**

He is Acting Flight-Lieut. Roderick Alastair Brook Leary, whose home is near Littlestone, Kent.

The official citation of the award says his exploit was one which "might well have deterred the stoutest heart."

Last Monday night he was detailed to attack a special target on the Dortmund-Ems canal. For success he had to approach from a direction well known to the enemy through a lane of specially disposed A.A. defences and in face of the most intense point-blank fire from guns of all calibre.

Aircraft which had previously aimed at this objective had all been hit and two had been lost. Flight-Lieut. Leary had been there before and well knew the risks.

### WAITED FOR DAWN

Nevertheless he made his attack in a Hampden bomber at 150 feet, his craft being repeatedly hit and large pieces of the main planes torn away.

He was almost blinded by the glare of many searchlights at close range, but pressed home his attack with the greatest resolution and skill.

He later brought his wrecked aircraft home, and as the landing flaps were inoperative and the undercarriage indicators out of action, he waited above his aerodrome for the dawn before trying to land. This he accomplished without causing injury to his crew or further damage to the aircraft.

"This officer," says the award, "has repeatedly shown complete indifference to personal danger in making attacks at the lowest altitudes regardless of opposition. His high courage, skill and determination set an example which is unsurpassed."

Flight-Lieut. Leary, who lives with his family at Frogs Hall, New Romney, Kent, is twenty-seven. Before he took to flying in 1936, he tried fruit farming in the Argentine and then, returning to England, he entered the motor trade.

The new V.C. had spoken on the telephone to his home on Friday night, but had said nothing about the V.C., indeed, he knew of the award then.

His is the seventh V.C. of the war. Three have been gained by the R.A.F. two by the Army, and two by the Navy.

## ACTING FLIGHT-LT. R. A. B. LEARY, V.C.

## TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK, SAY GERMANS

Berlin, Saturday.  
The official German News Agency today announced that three large British steamers had struck mines off the Isle of Man, and that two had sunk.—A.P.



Here's a handy food for quick energy, that hasn't gone up in price—Bournville PLAIN Chocolate at only 2d a packet. It's full of cocoa beans and makes you feel full of beans—just the thing you need for life today. Many people prefer the tang of Bournville Plain to Cadbury's famous Dairy Milk Chocolate. Try Bournville today.

**TWOPENNY BLOCKS**  
**CADBURY'S BOURNVILLE PLAIN FLAVOUR CHOCOLATE**







# Such A Tardy Invader!

## HITLER WAITS HIS 'VICTORY WEEK' WAS RAF TRIUMPH

WE SHOULD NOT HAVE LIKED HITLER TO COME BEFORE WE WERE READY TO RECEIVE HIM, BUT WE ARE QUITE READY TO RECEIVE HIM NOW AND WE SHALL REALLY BE VERY DISAPPOINTED IF HE DOESN'T TURN UP. WE CAN ASSURE HIM THAT HE WILL MEET WITH THAT WELCOME ON OUR SHORES WHICH NO INVADER HAS EVER MISSED."

So said Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, in a broadcast last night in which he said that Britain wanted to hold Hitler to his promise of invasion.

"This was to have been the week of German victory," Mr. Duff Cooper went on. "It has been the week of British victory instead."

"August 15 was to have been the day on which Herr Hitler would dictate his peace terms. Instead of that it was the day on which more German aircraft came crashing down on English earth or in the English Channel than ever before have fallen on any one day in the whole history of air warfare."

"This week-end was, we were told by the German boosters and bullies, to be a week-end of terror in Great Britain. I am speaking now towards the close of Saturday evening, the middle of the week-end, which has hitherto been a singularly quiet and peaceful one."

If recent air raids, "increasing in frequency and in numbers," were the prelude of invasion, England could say only that the prelude was a melancholy failure.

"The figure of German losses are very carefully checked," Mr. Duff Cooper said. "It would be wrong and foolish to give false figures, because the truth about facts is always established sooner or later."

"I can assure you that we have underestimated German losses. We have counted as dead birds only those which have been seen to fall. Many a wounded bird has turned its head towards home with little hope of ever getting there, but these have not been included in the 'bag'."

THE VICTORY MARCH

"While we sit on earth and contemplate these great battles of the skies, and while we calmly defy the attacks that can be made upon us, how can we express adequately the deep debt of gratitude we owe to those young heroes who, flying between earth and heaven by day and night, with short hours of repose, are saving not only the British Commonwealth of Nations from destruction but are fighting also for the cause of truth and freedom against the powers of darkness and evil?"

"The day may come—and may not be too far distant—when we, as spectators, shall again applaud the victory march through our streets of those who saved the world."

"It may be that when the happy warriors of the Royal Air Force come along the cheers will be still in the throats of the most enthusiastic and, remembering those who have not survived and all we owe to them, we shall fall in thankfulness on our knees."

When searching for some time the boat returned. Miss Prince was not satisfied and went out again by herself in the canoe. On this journey she picked up a sergeant wireless operator, who was clinging to a buoy.

Somebody the exhausted airman was got into the small boat, and his rescuer paddled back to her home.

He undoubtedly owes his life to Miss Prince's courage and determination.

Two other members of the crew had been rescued by motor boat.

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THE YANKS ARE HERE!

# Willkie Renews Aid To Britain Pledge

## Determined To Beat Hitler

—Short Of War

Elwood, Indiana, Saturday.

MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, ACCEPTING REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, TONIGHT DECLARED HIMSELF TO BE IN SYMPATHY WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S AVOWED INTENTION TO LEND BRITAIN ALL AID SHORT OF WAR.

He emphasised that the "loss of the British Fleet would greatly weaken U.S. defences, and would be a calamity for the U.S."

Mr. Willkie said he was in agreement with two principles recently laid down by President Roosevelt—"to extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation and at the same time to harness the use of those resources in order that we in the Americas may have equipment and training equal to the task of any emergency and every defence."

SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT

"As an American citizen," continued Mr. Willkie, "I pledge my wholehearted support to the President in whatever action he may take in accordance with these principles."

"But I cannot follow the President in his conduct of foreign affairs in this critical time."

"There have been occasions when many of us have wondered

if he is deliberately inciting us to war. The first duty of the President is to try to maintain peace."

"But President Roosevelt has dabbled in inflammatory statements and manufactured panics."

His attacks on foreign Powers have been useless and dangerous. He has secretly meddled in affairs of Europe and he has even unscrupulously encouraged other countries to hope for more help than we are able to give."

Mr. Willkie declared that as President he would threaten foreign Governments only when the U.S. was threatened by them and when he was ready to act.

"WE SHALL BEAT HIM"

The United States must outdistance the totalitarian Powers, Mr. Willkie added.

"I promise, by returning to those same American principles that overcame German autocracy once before, both in business and in war, to outdistance Hitler in any contest he chooses in 1940 or after."

"When we beat him we shall beat him on our own terms in our own American war."

"We must not permit our emotions, our sympathies or our hatreds to move us from that fixed principle," he said.

"In the light of my principle we must honestly face our relationship with Britain."

"We must admit that the loss of the British Fleet would expose us to an attack on the Atlantic... also our foreign trade would be profoundly affected."

"That trade is vital to our prosperity. If we had to trade with a Europe dominated by the present German trade policies we might have to change our methods to some totalitarian form."

"That is a prospect that any lover of democracy must view with consternation."—A.P.

HE GUARDED SECRETS

Dr. George H. Fowler, formerly Assistant Professor of Zoology at University College, London, died yesterday at Apsley House, Bedfordshire, aged seventy-eight.

During the last war he was on special scientific duty in the Naval Intelligence Department of the Admiralty.



A number of Americans who crossed into Canada and came over to this country with a contingent of Canadian troops are now in camp in Britain. Here are some being inspected during training.

## "We Are Prepared"

### NAZI "BLOCKADE" JUST A RUSE

COMMENTING LAST NIGHT ON THE GERMAN CANNOUNCEMENT OF A BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN (REPORTED ON PAGE ONE), THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATED:—

CONGRATULATIONS

TO the following readers, "The People" offers hearty congratulations on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:—

DIAMOND WEDDINGS.—Mr. and Mrs. Davey, Sanderstead-rd., South Croydon; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stone, Village-st., Normanton, Derby; Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes, Byron-ave., Manor Park, E.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Blair, Woodside-rd., Wood Green, N.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Berthelshaw, Carington-rd., Stockport; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Terry, Austinst-king's Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lightfoot, Rita Cottage, The Glade, Marks Orchard, Croydon; Mr. and Mrs. Welsby, Garden-st., Llanbra-dach, Caerphilly; Mr. and Mrs. Plaskett, Shakespeare-rd., Kingston, Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Parry, Westside Cottages, Cambridge-rd., Walthamstow.

SILVER WEDDINGS.—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Felton, Lymcroft-rd., Hall Green, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradshaw, 100, Old Moat-st., Withington, Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. King, Moorland-cres., Cheltenham; Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Brien, Reginald-rd., Forest Gate, E.; Mr. and Mrs. Pearcey, Choumou-rd., Peckham, S.E.; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowley, Nowington Green, N.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Garland, The Alders, Heston; Mr. and Mrs. W. Delisser, Kimberley-rd., Bruce Grove, N.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Hyde, 61, Cambridge-rd., Tottenham; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jones, Frog Mill, near Cheltenham; Mr. and Mrs. Colin Beckitt, The Stores, Caldecote, Cambridge.

ALSO TO—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Torkington, Oakdale-rd., Horne Bay (62 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. Pen-hallow, Willoughby-rd., Wood Green, N.22 (30 years); Mr. and Mrs. E. Turner, Egmont-st., Mossley (40 years).

NAZIS CONFISCATE CARS

Sixty-seven private cars, according to the German-controlled Brussels radio, have been confiscated in Brussels, and their owners fined, for running without permission of military authorities of the town.

SOME OTHER REASON

Some other reason must be sought for this elaborate official reiteration of threats which German propaganda has been uttering for many months.

It can only be assumed that Germany hopes by renewed talk of blockade to divert British attention from her projects of invasion or from a move which she may contemplate in some other direction.

Britain is fully prepared for any eventuality.

### And It Was Real Beer, Too!

THE pilot of a Messerschmitt forced down in a field in South-East England, jumped from his machine uninjured, and, running into some agricultural workers, threw up his arms and exclaimed in English, "All right, all right. What about a pint of beer?"

He was taken to a nearby public-house, and after being given refreshment was handed over to the police.

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## FRANCE'S BIG TANKS ARE HERE

MANY OF THE HEAVIEST FRENCH TANKS, INCLUDING MOST OF THE STRONGLY ARMoured INFANTRY TANKS WHICH TOOK PART IN THE ASSAULT ON NARVIK, ARE NOW IN GREAT BRITAIN.

This was disclosed on Friday during the first manoeuvres and tactical exercises held in this country by General de Gaulle's army of all free Frenchmen "somewhere in England."

These French tanks, heavy and medium, were originally sent from France to Norway, and re-embarked from Narvik to England in the final withdrawal.

VETERANS OF NARVIK

Many of them are battle-scarred veterans, which formed the spearhead of the Foreign Legion's attack on Narvik, which eventually led to the capture of the town. One of the tanks was in the sea for six days in Norway, but is still in active use.

A mine exploded under another, but only its running-board had to be changed.

A number of General de Gaulle's light-medium tanks took part in Friday's exercises, the theme of which was the rounding-up of a large force of enemy parachutists. Supported by tanks, infantrymen of the French Foreign Legion carried out an encircling movement round the parachutists, who had entrenched themselves on a wooded hill, and in the resulting battle succeeded in capturing the enemy force.

A realistic touch was lent to the manoeuvres by the arrival over-land of a large formation of Junkers 88 dive bombers, which took part in Friday's raids over the South Coast.

runners-up prize of £250 will each receive £2 16s. 10d.

Six of this week's first prize winners are readers of "The Competitor's World." This free journal, in which are published extracts from the reasons for the Adjudication Committee's findings and eight extra entry squares, has helped many competitors to achieve success in "The People" Cross-word.

To obtain copies of the next six weekly issues send 6d. P.O. made payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and crossed /& Co. for postage only to the Competition Dept., 6, La Belle Sauvage, London, E.C.4.

If you wish to save time and money on your entries, also ask for details of Crossword entry vouchers.

Turn to Page Eight for another £1,000 competition.

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Make Clothes Last!  
Save Fuel!

## NEW NO-BOIL METHOD DOES IT!

Makes household linen last 6 to 8 months longer, shirts 4 months longer. Saves over half your wash-day coal or gas. Saves 1½ hours' work.

Try to make your clothes last one-third longer. Save as much coal as possible.

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And tests prove that:—Shirts last 4 months longer; household linen 6 to 8 months longer; working overalls from 4 to 12 months longer.

You save more than half the coal you normally use on washday, or—if you use gas—you save three-quarters of it. It is estimated that this would mean a saving for the whole country of 2,000,000 tons of coal annually.

An average wash (50 pieces) can be finished 1½ hours earlier.

Start saving your clothes and fuel, your



time and energy next washday by changing to this way of washing. It will be a real contribution to national economy.

Your whole wash is safe in Rinso. It keeps woollens soft and fleecy, brings colours up brilliant. You need no bar soap, flakes or any other washing product. Rinso does it all unaided. 3d., 6d., or 1/- (Giant size).

WAR-TIME ADVICE FREE!

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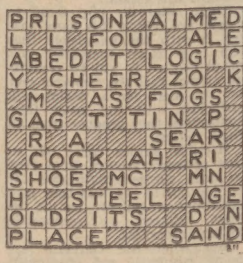
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# THE NAVY GOES TO IT!

By Lieut.-Cmdr. E. KEBLE CHATTERTON

WHAT exactly is happening just now in the Middle Sea? Are we on the eve of notable developments, or is unsatisfactory stalemate about to set in? These activities in Libya, and the Italian advance into British Somaliland; do they really amount to anything? Or suggest some big campaign? It is well to attempt a clear idea of the problem now facing us, so that our minds may not be disturbed by minor happenings.

Let it be appreciated that both Italy and Spain, instigated by Germany, have formed the erroneous idea that with one good heave they can push the British Navy right out of the Mediterranean, close the Straits at Gibraltar and hand the keys to Franco.

And, now that neither the French Fleet nor the bases at Toulon and in Algeria support us, must we regard Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham's fleet at Alexandria as poor unfortunate orphans of the political storm?

More wishful thinking on the part of our enemies, whether real or merely potential! Yes; but never was there a keener unity to get rid of our presence, and leave the Latin Lake to others.

Spain has not yet recovered from her Civil War, though she considers how delightful it would be to walk into Gibraltar and occupy the Rock for her own use.

Italy, still more desirous, longs to gain possession of the Suez Canal, thereby for ever ensuring safe passage to her shipping between Genoa and Red Sea territory.

How pleasant it would be to have perpetual free communication into north-east Africa, unhampered by either canal dues or interference of the British Mediterranean Fleet!

Mussolini's nation would become a first-class imperial power, advancing along the coast until every British African colony had been newly captured. Italy in future a

land of immense prosperity, manufacturing goods for enormous exports! Everything in the Duce's garden just lovely and fragrant!

What, then, prevents Italy from obtaining her wishes?

The answer is that no fleet, whether of the sea or the air, can indefinitely exist without bases. To put it bluntly, if the naval dockyards at Malta and Gibraltar are subjected at any moment to aerial bombing, the Admiralty instruct their Commander-in-Chief to use safer harbours.

For ships must have their periodical overhaul, some to be repaired after battle, and all of them kept supplied with fuel, munitions, food. There must be security, too, for personnel to sleep and obtain recreation.

## Mechanical Aid

Hither, likewise, must arrive a steady stream of supply ships from home. Whether this base be Alexandria or Haifa, whether there be attached mobile repair-ships or a large enough floating dock, nothing can alter the necessity of such a protected enclosure. And today more than ever.

In the sailing-ship era of Nelson a fleet could keep the sea for long months independent of the shore. With plenty of drinking water, hard biscuits and salt beef, this self-contained community suffered little anxiety as to its future.

Dry docking? It sufficed if only some quiet bay at the back of an island could be found to enable the hull to be careened—that is, hauled down by tackles till the crew could clean and tar the bottom.

But in our epoch the war vessel has become such a complicated mass of gadgets, can carry propulsive power for only a few days at one time, and requires such detailed mechanical aid when refitting, that any navy now is tied far more closely to the land than previously.

This inevitable weakness does therefore offer, under certain circumstances, a considerable encouragement to the enemy's army. If only through land and air campaigning a naval base with all its facilities can be destroyed or seriously threatened by shells and bombs; still more, if it can be completely captured (as for example was the recent fate of Cherbourg and Brest) then indeed a fleet is seriously embarrassed by lack of home.

To remove hurriedly such items as floating docks and cranes, accumulated stores and so on, is an impossible task. Any fleet base, so to say, is rooted deeply in the shore.

## Desert Campaign

It is with this realisation that Italy optically sets forth across the Libyan desert on a campaign which aims primarily at stabbing our Mediterranean naval force from the back. Capture of Alexandria, from the land, and Admiral Cunningham must remove his ships elsewhere. It is the same strategy which this last week has been employed by Nazi armies when attacking Portsmouth and Portland.

They thought to make these bases untenable, rob our warships of essential facilities; though the enemy failed signally, as the Italians will find in Egypt.

But we must be on our guard, and not be misled by misapprehension. Both Germany and Italy know well enough that should our Navies collapse, everything British would vanish from our grasp. You may be sure that if Alexandria and Haifa were snatched from our use, we should still find Cyprus or some other area temporarily suitable; yet the lack of complete facilities might be extremely awkward. Nor could we afford to allow Italian troops in control of the Suez Canal for one single week.

If Mussolini's men-o-war were to

get through, escorting troop transports to Aden; or if a flotilla of his submarines were to pass into the Red Sea, or oil-tankers sent on their way to Eritrea, a new and anxious development in the war would have arrived, a fresh encouragement given to Spain's hopes at the Mediterranean's western end.

Well tested, firmly established principles, however, today reassert themselves. We rely on our sea power, which daily waxes stronger, and the day may yet come when perfect opportunity for falling upon the Italian Fleet will be obtained. Each week becomes more likely as overseas supplies and reinforcements demand to be sent for the Libyan army, and escorts invite a British attack.

It is the British blockade which Italy is already feeling, and will experience still more acutely. Do not take indifferently and lightly those reports which come from Rome and Milan that the Duce's people are for the most part opposed to this war. Such statements are well substantiated, and from private sources I can confirm that neither poor peasants nor prosperous industrialists have any enthusiasm for present hostilities.

## Human Element

Should meat from South America be further denied them during the coming winter, and Graziani meanwhile fail to make spectacular conquests, then anything might happen among the excitable Italian population.

As yet, we have scarcely begun to bomb such manufacturing cities as noisy Milan, but the date is not far distant when moral and material damage will come with an effectiveness rivalled only by present conditions in the Ruhr.

You can expect to find the Duce's Fascism begin cracking all round. And then, just as in the later stages of the last war, Turkey and Austria-Hungary suddenly gave up fighting, to be fol-

lowed a few days later by the collapse of Germany, so a different aspect will present itself to others.

Our air-raids over Germany in time will have a restraining influence on Spanish interference, modify Japanese impertinence, inspire a spirit of confidence through the Balkans; but a great British naval victory in the Mediterranean would speedily transform the entire outlook.

The truth, however, has to be faced that in these modern days of costly and vulnerable capital ships not easily replaced, a country such as Italy will hesitate to expose her fleet after the unpleasant hints already received.

Yet she cannot endure, even as Germany has suffered, the steady persistent pressure of blockade.

Invasion of Egypt by land; threats against British Somaliland, Uganda and further south, may therefore be expected. The Straits of Dover, have come under new conditions with the advent of air power, distance is washed out, the sea can be crossed without ships.

The present Italian efforts in British Somaliland have rather a strategic than a territorial intention, analogous to German acquisition of Calais and Boulogne. Our enemies hope to establish a powerful naval and air bases along the Gulf that Aden will be overwhelmed, and this valuable key to the Red Sea lost utterly.

## Tricky Scheme

Thus, with Franco holding the Gibraltar defile at one end and Italy rendering the 141 miles of the Babelmandeb channel just a perilous passage, our enemies might seek to sever all our sea communications with Egypt. And this having once been accomplished, the Italian armies would by employing Hitler's favourite pincer movements endeavour to invade Egypt as well from Libya on the west as from Abyssinia on the south.

Hitler and Mussolini have worked out together a tricky scheme of synchronisation. Accurate timing is essential for their mutual co-operation. Between them they hope to confuse our reasoning on the principle that if the Nazis are about to invade Britain, we must keep every soldier ready at home; but if Egypt is to be invaded, then we must transport thousands from our shores.

Are we then confronted by an insoluble dilemma? By no means. The probability of German troops gaining a firm foothold on our island has greatly changed during the last four weeks, and while it would be wrong to rule out such a risky expedition, we full well know that our defences are able to resist every threat. Having regard to

what has been accomplished by our aerial forces in the past week, we should surely have little enough nervousness that Hitler can fulfil his intense longing.

Rather can we now afford to send out of the country on some legitimate purpose several well-equipped divisions. And in what better direction just now than against the Italians? It would not be a case of wasting strength in some fanciful side-show, but of rendering essential protection to keep open one of our most important trade routes.

For if the Suez Canal pointed in no other direction than India, it would still be worth everything we could expend to maintain its integrity.

During one period of the last war, Britain passed through an anxious stage when the Turks along the eastern bank menaced that waterway's security. Today it would be so serious a matter to allow the Italians even to sink a blockship across the canal's navigable breadth that no stinting must be made if more of our troops are required in Northern Africa.

We are in a strong position, and need to be. Nothing must make that route from and to India impassable where it begins to narrow. At present no Italian naval forces between Suez and Aden have any existence, though it would scarce be surprising if this winter some enemy disguised raider—some counterpart of our last war's Q-ships—were to creep round the Cape of Good Hope and up the east coast.

We do not forget that in August, 1914, the German raider Königsberg operated off the Aden Gulf, capturing liners, helping herself to their fuel and using temporarily a secret secluded base in Makalla Bay some 300 miles N.N.E. of Aden.

## Skip and Run

But unless Marshal Graziani's soldiers, by sheer superiority of numbers and rapidity of movement, can overwhelm Egypt, we have little cause for uneasiness. The Italian fleet has displayed no glorious fighting spirit, but rather disposition for running away at that high speed with which its warships were designed.

No Italian genuine man-o-war can reach East African ports, because she could neither carry enough fuel nor be allowed to fill up with oil when once outside the Mediterranean.

Conversely our own warships, by reason of the Suez Canal, possess freedom of movement, can be transferred as requisite between Latin Lake and Red Sea in a manner that must be galling to Mussolini.

So, likewise, though sea transports cannot pass from an Italian port to Eritrean port, our laden steamers can go direct from England or India to British Somaliland; which is to say that we are in a position for sending both men and guns, shells and petrol, while the enemy cannot replace any of these items.

And every day our airmen keep on destroying in Abyssinia and Eritrea those valuable dumps whose existence must be fast diminishing.

Nevertheless it would be alike foolish and dangerous to underestimate the Graziani's military genius or Italian equipment. As mechanical engineers and manufacturers they are in the first rank.

During the last war their officers were to be desired and were regarded frequently by the men with contemptuous animosity.

Although Mussolini's army today has vastly improved its efficiency, it still remains to be seen how his legions will react to a trying desert campaign; how a fighting spirit will be maintained when things look ugly and heavy losses accumulate.

It is, in fact, an untried army, since the massacre of Abyssinians was something entirely different from meeting with European troops.

## Potentialities

We know that German generals entertain no excessive admiration for Italian valour, and perhaps this may be an accurate judgment.

But there are many conceivable surprises that cannot yet be estimated, all sorts of complications which might throw out of gear plans carefully laid. For example, let us not be unmindful that within Toulon's naval harbour are at this present moment valuable fighting ships which escaped from Oran a few weeks ago.

Now Toulon, within its low-lying breakwater, contains every conceivable thing necessary for ships of war; extensive building slips, foundries, dockyards, cranes, immense stores and large barracks.

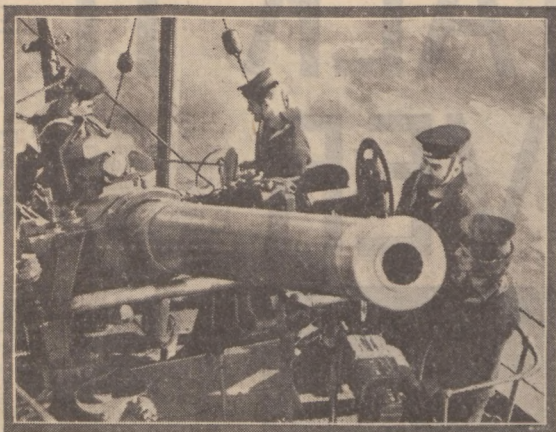
Swinging round the buoys, these vessels, already fuelled and munitioned, might suddenly dash forth one autumn night and make themselves more than a nuisance.

One has to think of them as potential dangers along our Mediterranean tracks, and even beyond the Gibraltar Straits in the Bay of Biscay, or South Atlantic, either alone or in conjunction with enemy ships.

Given a suitable opportunity, these fast French men-o-war might during a sudden dash cause havoc to our convoys or fall upon those of our light forces.

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It isn't only the rigid ruling of the R.A.F. itself, but also a kind of sporting tradition among all ranks, that the day's "bag" of enemy planes shall include nothing but "certainties."

Air-Marshall Joubert, in his interesting broadcast the other evening, dwelt upon this aspect of our official communiqués. He explained that, unless our pilots are still fighting or their machines are crippled, they always try to watch their victims down to the final crash on land or sea.

Sometimes, of course, an enemy machine is blown to pieces in the air; sometimes its wreckage is discovered from the zone of battle; but the official "bag" is never credited with anything but "the certainties."

There isn't, therefore, the slightest doubt that we have actually destroyed all the German aeroplanes that we claim to have destroyed; nor is there any reasonable doubt that many others have failed to regain their bases.

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This being so, don't you think it significant and encouraging that the Germans are telling such "thumping lies" about the desperate air battles of recent days?

Evidently they dare not publish the real figures of their losses. They are afraid of discouraging their people at home. They are even afraid of letting their own airmen know the facts.

Great pains are taken, so I understand, to shuffle the German air pack after every mass raid. Squadrons that leave one aerodrome have to return to another far distant. And, in this way, the Nazi pilots cannot compare notes or "check up" on total casualties.

In fact, Adolf Hitler, whose countrymen expected him to pass this week-end in Buckingham Palace, has instead experienced the first severe check in his career.

As a people, the Germans have always been noted for their "time-table" minds. They like to do everything to schedule. They are methodical to a fault, and, consequently, it disconcerts them enormously when there is any hitch or delay in "the programme as advertised."

Until just recently there has been no such hitch or delay in the Fuehrer's well-advertised war programme. Warsaw was captured, Norway invaded, the Netherlands overrun, and Paris itself occupied strictly to schedule time.

But the British—"the stupid obstinate British" who never know when they are beaten—have put the whole clockwork machinery of Nazi aggression out of gear.

As Mr. Churchill has just said in the House of Commons, the Germans may still attempt an invasion. The danger is by no means past, but, meanwhile, they certainly have more reason to worry about it than we have.

You see, they never understood us, whereas we understand them only too well.

SOMETIMES, no doubt, we are difficult to understand. There is no bravado and no "swank" among ordinary folk living in areas that have been frequently bombed, but they have an indomitable sense of humour.

They don't "carry on" exactly as usual, but, if you take my meaning, "more usually than ever." They take a sort of pride in showing that nothing the "dam Jerries" can do is going to rattle them.

Many, even among those whose homes have been destroyed or who have lost dear friends, betray their feelings only by a grim tightening of the lips, "holding everything" until the day comes when we can strike back.

It will come. As far as air warfare is concerned it has come already, for, relatively speaking, we are inflicting far heavier damage upon Germany than we have suffered.

And I find it most heartening to read in the German Press how "hundreds of thousands of English sit trembling in air-raid shelters, cursing the Churchill Government."

For, if the Germans can even imagine such a state of things here in this country, then, in their hearts, they must have some foreboding of the time when their own people may really tremble, and begin to curse the Leader who has led them to destruction.

It is fantastic that Hitler and the small gang of ruffians who hope to share the loot with him and strut behind him in his triumphal marches should have imposed successfully upon the German people even until now.

For the Nazis have made no secret of their contempt for "the masses." They have been exploiting them for more than seven years. They have overworked them, under-paid and underfed them all the time.

They were rationing Germany in the days of plenty because, they said, "guns must come before butter." Today they are still cheating their own people of butter and fats and milk, and who knows what besides, solely to feed their war machine.

And these villains have the audacity to tell the United States and all the neutral world that we are trying to starve Europe!

NAZI Germany, it should be understood, speaks with two separate radio voices. One is to be listened to by the home public—the poor dupes who dare not pick up a foreign broadcast under penalty of death.

The other—more blaring and still more false, if that were possible—goes out to every neutral



country and howls denunciation of Britain's cruelty.

According to Goebbels and his tame disciples, Europe will soon be in the grip of famine because we are wickedly withholding food from millions of innocent men, women and children in occupied territory.

This treacherous and infamous lie needs to be refuted with all our might. Our overseas propaganda has been far from vigorous hitherto; now it ought to be louder and more persistent—and far more convincing—than ever before.

It must seek above all else to prove that, if there should be famine in Europe, Hitler will have caused it and not the British Empire.

MANY citizens of the United States are as sentimental as ourselves. Even men who ought to know better—like ex-President Hoover—are apt "to fall for a Nazi sob story."

It must be admitted, moreover, that Goebbels and Company have the propaganda cards rather "stacked in their favour." For they are clever

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enough to realise that, when human principles and self-interest go hand in hand, they can be used as a powerful lever.

And, you see, both North and South America are exporters of grain and other foodstuffs. Their producers don't want to starve anybody—least of all potential customers!

In spite of this, all present indications are that President Roosevelt, with the great majority of the people of the United States behind him, will refuse to fall into Goebbels' propaganda trap.

Whether they do or not, Great Britain must face the facts and act upon them. Far from relaxing the blockade, we need to tighten it.

And we can do so with a clear conscience because Germany is boasting today that she can starve us out and that she means to do so!

**CIGARETTE PAPERS**  
By The Lounger

EVEN when you're in the soup, have the pluck to fish yourself out.

We needn't fear the foe, if we only stand up to their lying.

**TODAY'S PROVERB**  
Some people follow a false light; But we march by the guiding star Of faith and freedom.

**WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK**  
Golden days will come again to those who are prepared to steel themselves.

It takes a stout heart to carry us through a thin time.

**LITTLE ALFIE ON "SPUDS FOR EVER"**

Me and the Fighting Forces will have a bit of bother winning this war if one of you don't pull your socks up. Not that we shan't win, anyhow, whatever happens, but you didn't sort to put extra work on our shoulders.

What I mean is, are you doing your bit? Well it's not enuff. A mear bit isn't a bit of good. Are you doing as much as you can? That's better, but it's not enuff yet. Are you doing twice as much as you can same as Mr. Churchill, and Father, and the R.A.F., and the Navy, and Farmer Oates' intensive chickens?

Twice as much as usual, that's now enthusiastic everybody's got to be. Farmer O. is growing more corn, and the cows are giving more milk, and Father goes rushing from his work to his A.R.P. and back, and doing lots of other jobs, too. I can't tell you exactly how

If the Nazi communiqués were truthful, we should by now have lost more sea-borne tonnage than we originally possessed and have scarcely a single aeroplane fit to take the air!

And, of course, we should be on the verge of that total ruin and starvation which, according to their own open and repeated boasts, they intend to inflict upon us.

ALL of you know as well as I do that, far from being starved, we are well fed and that, far from being vanquished, we still control the seas and dominate the skies.

Very well then; let us blazon these facts abroad. Let us give neutral correspondents every opportunity to describe the Battle of Britain as they see it with their own eyes.

But let us also give the world Britain's guarantee that supplies will be abundantly released to all the suppressed masses immediately the Nazis are overthrown.

We have only one war aim—victory. We shall not hesitate to go hungry ourselves or to let our friends go hungry to secure this goal.

But I feel certain that we should promote our own cause and fill the hearts of all Hitler's victims with hope and courage if we were now to say plainly the kind of free and happy world we mean to rebuild in Europe when the war is over.

Mr. Attlee said in Parliament the other day that the Government has not lost sight of the importance of stating our peace aims, and that these would be "elaborated" at "the appropriate time."

In your correspondent's view there could be no time more utterly appropriate than the present.

SEVERAL things that matter considerably to you and to me have been discussed at Westminster during the past week. Among them was a proposal to limit and restrict the amount of war savings which would be exempt from the Inquisition of any future Means Test.

So great was the opposition to the Government's original Bill, so general the feeling that Service men, Old Age Pensioners and others, who can't save money now, should be at least as well protected as the lucky wage-earners who can, that this Bill is likely either to be withdrawn or completely redrafted.

So far, so good. Better still, however, is the news that Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, has offered to look into any complaints reaching his department about the old people's supplementary pensions.

Many complaints of this kind have reached "Man o' the People," but it is only fair to add that, under the new system, more than a million Old Age Pensioners are substantially better off.

The average increase works out at about eight and sixpence a week, and never was public money better spent.

For what grand old folk some of these pensioners are! I have used a photograph of two of them in this page, sweethearts of fifty years ago and sweethearts still! They carry on just as gallantly as the young people, and often they have sons or grandsons serving with the Forces.

ANOTHER piece of good news for all of us came from Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has yielded gracefully to the strong public demand that books and newspapers be exempted from the Purchase Tax.

I was much less pleased to read of the railway companies' application for permission to raise fares for the second time since the war began.

Fortunately, there are many men in Parliament zealously regardful of the public interest even in time of war, and these men will do their utmost to prevent another rise in fares and, inevitably, another advance in the cost of living.

This is a subject to which we may have to return some other day.

For it is intimately connected with the general principle of "equality of sacrifice," which should be, but certainly is not yet, the very essence of our will to victory.

*A Man o' the People*

many things he is doing in the War. Ma said he was doing 1001 things, though that sounds an exaggeration. He isn't going to it, anyhow.

Me and Horrie are now chiefly concerned about our peash potterer crop. Now that we're having a bit of a school holiday, though not a proper one, mind you, we're going to it in the kitchen garden, and, believe you us, we've got a war-winning crop coming along. Our slogan is: NO DUDES AMONG OUR SPUDS!

If it is going to be any difficulty about the nation's food-supply, it's patriotic people, like me and Horrie, what grow lashings of potaters, who are going to see the country is O.K. Potaters are one of the Empire's stand-bys.

I mean, what wud we do about fish and chips if we didn't have any chips, especially if our brave fishermen were too busy shooting down Messerschmitts with a popgun, and hadn't time to catch us any fish.

Potaters are good when boiled and better when fried and best of all when baked. Father says when he was a vims man there was a chap used to sell hot baked potaters off a barrow outside Chelsea foot ball ground.

That's why he was a Chelsea fan for years. I've often wondered why. But after that, he married Ma (who baked potaters just as well, and so he lived happy ever after, and became a supporter of the Spurs.

There's just one difference between the spuds and folk. Potaters are at their best if cooked with their jackets on, but we folks have got to have our jackets off, going to it for victory!

**MARCHING SONG**  
It's a grand thing for London to listen to the martial music of its own soldier lads. The heartening strains of a military band mean far more now than they ever meant before. Let's have it in every town from the local regiment.

The brass band strikes a cheering note As its music swells on high: It's a poor, poor heart that can't rejoice When brave music marches by. It's grand to hear the rolling drum And the trumpet's stirring call. But when they're our own soldier lads, Why, that's the best of all.

**CHORUS:**  
They're soldiers of the King, and the very sky will ring With the music that they're playing there. If there should be depression, it's very quickly cleared. The spirit is uplifted when brave English tunes it hears. In the rolling rattling music of the British G. address Of the music in Trafalgar Square.

The swing of martial music Can bid us march along. And every simple British heart Is braver for a song. Whatever fate may have in store, We mean to play our parts. And those who love old England Have her music in their hearts.

**CHORUS:**  
They're soldiers of the King and new blood and courage spring In a brave desire once more to do and dare. Gone are all momentary doubts our questioning and fears: When to a bolshy beaten rhythm the gallant band appears. And Nelson smiles a Victory smile the moment that he hears Brave music in Trafalgar Square.

## THE WORLD ON PARADE

## Wrong Track For Food

PROSPECT of starvation this winter in Nazi-dominated Europe sets Hitler one of the gravest problems of his stormy career.

Where will he turn for food? Perhaps he will try to draw on the rich granaries of Soviet Ukraine. With the fields of Poland, France, Holland and Belgium torn up by war and with the tightening of our sea blockade, Hitler can turn only to one man for supplies—Stalin.

Should Stalin, already preoccupied with his own problems decide to try to feed Europe, the odds are that he would fall in his mission.

## Burden

RUSSIA'S antiquated railway system just couldn't stand up to the strain. Lack of highways and motor transport has thrown on to the railways the job of carrying 90 per cent. of freight through the Soviet.

Already the railways are suffering from the fact that they

So far, reports Prof. J. W. Beams, of the University of Virginia, the highest rotational speeds attained are 1,500,000 revolutions a minute.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT—**  
IN Rumania it is illegal to agitate for a change of government or to make proposals for a redistribution of wealth?

During the past 13 years the population of Soviet Russia has been increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year, bringing the total up to 170,000,000?

New methods of inoculation in parts of the United States are almost wiping out the scourge of diphtheria among children, thousands of young lives thus being saved?

The aeroplane carrier Ark Royal takes its name from a famous Elizabethan ship?

The first German King was Louis the German, 843, with Ratisbon as his capital, and he had a half-brother named "Charles the Bald," while his son

## "People Are So Much Nicer"

PEOPLE are so much nicer ever since War came, they don't want to catalogue you by job, or class, or name; they don't seem to suspect you at every turn and bend, they just stretch out their hand, and it's the hand of a new-found friend.

PEOPLE are so much kinder ever since War began, they don't criticise so much, they don't live so strictly to plan. They've got a broader outlook and they seem to see things right; it's queer that to get us together it's taken a First Class Fight!

PEOPLE are so much wiser, since the War shook the earth; they're more genuine, more human, more cognisant of man's worth. They're much more sympathetic and their eyes shine with brave fun—I wonder if we realise what a gigantic War's been won.

have the greatest intensity of freight traffic in the world—three times greater than that of U.S.A.

To handle that traffic she has only 18,000 locomotives and 500,000 freight and passenger cars (Britain, in its compact system, has 22,000 locomotives and about 750,000 freight and passenger cars.)

## Snags

ANOTHER tremendous difficulty is that of gauges. Russia has a 5 ft. system; Germany 4 ft. 8½ in.

Food and raw material moving from the Soviet towards Germany would have to be unloaded at the Polish frontier, then reloaded into German trains—a costly and laborious task.

So that even if Stalin were willing to help—and it seems that he needs all the transportation his railways can give him—Europe would still go hungry.

## Pulling

ADVANCES in high-speed centrifuges that spin in a vacuum have made available for scientific research forces equal to 8,000,000 times that of gravity.

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## Parents' Boon

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Special to "The People"  
PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM LONDON AND THE BIG TOWNS, AND FROM SOME COAST DISTRICTS, WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO VISIT THEM, ON SPECIAL TERMS, DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD.

The Government recently appealed to parents not to bring their children home to dangerous areas in the holidays, and the new cheap tickets to be issued are by way of a reward.

The Ministry of Transport is arranging for cheap tickets towards the end of this month.

That is, if the country has not been invaded, or if the air blitzkrieg has not made travelling unsafe.

The tickets will be much cheaper than any issued before.

For journeys up to 80 miles the charge will be single fare for the return journey.

For longer journeys, over 80 miles, the fare will be something less than single fare for the return journey.

## Roosevelt Gets Moving

BIG LINK-UP  
TO BRITAIN

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday travelled to the Canadian border at Ogdensburg and dined there with Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier. Their meeting is expected to have a tremendous influence on American war policy.

They talked over an offer by Mr. Churchill that British possessions from Newfoundland to Guiana should be leased to the United States for military bases and Atlantic airports.

In return, Britain wants a number of America's "obsolete" destroyers.

American opinion (says Reuter) is definite that the discussions will result in greater collaboration between the U.S. and Britain.

"Well, we are in it now," commented Representative Clare E. Hoffman. "There is no such thing as more as a declaration of war."

TANKER WAS SUNK  
BY ITALIAN U-BOAT

Lisbon, Saturday.  
Two lifeboats with 35 men survivors of the torpedoed British tanker, British Fame, arrived yesterday at Ponta Delgada, in the Azores, it is learned in Lisbon. They were members of the crew who had been unaccounted for after the arrival of 15 other survivors at Vilafranca Campo, Azores, on Thursday.

These members of the crew declared that it was an Italian submarine which torpedoed the British Fame, and not a German U-boat, as previously reported.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

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That is the happy but typical experience of Mrs. W. P. of Ebbw Vale, whose husband testifies, in the course of a long letter of heart-felt gratitude:

1st March, 1940.  
"My wife has suffered from Asthma for the past 28 years, until two years ago, when she was advised to try Do-Do. She did so, with the result that for two years she has not had a severe attack. After suffering for 28 years she got relief, and now she takes one Do-Do night and morning that keeps her free from that dreaded suffocating Asthma. Since then we have sent dozens of people to try Do-Do with the same results as my wife received. . . . I was gassed in 1917 on the Western Front, and I find when I get a cough I have only to take one Do-Do and off to sleep I go."

(signed) W. P.

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BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION HAS GROWN SO DESPERATE DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS THAT HITLER HAS ORDERED DR. SCHACHT, THE REICH'S FINANCIAL WIZARD, TO START A CAMPAIGN OF BLACKMAIL, FORGERY, THEFT AND CONFIDENCE TRICKERY ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE TO STAVE OFF BANKRUPTCY.

One reason for this move was that the gold captured in the invaded countries has been much less than was expected.

Dr. Schacht has got busy, and here are some of his activities:

## THEFT

Large quantities of £1 notes have been circulated in Spain by German agents. At first it was suspected that the £1 notes were forged, but further inquiry showed

that the notes had been stolen when the German troops seized the banks of Holland, Belgium and France.

## BLACKMAIL

SUGGESTIONS have been made to the Swiss banks that they should hand Germany their gold, including stocks shipped to Britain and the United States. With the demand is a hint that refusal might lead to invasion.

## FORGERY

WHEN the Germans entered Norway they seized the Bank of Norway printing press and have been using it to print unauthorised notes.

## FORCED LOANS

DANES have been compelled to grant loans to Germany for large sums. They have been told that the loans will be repaid after the war. The Danes know that there is no chance of getting their money back.

## CONFIDENCE TRICK

THE German message, circulated in the United States a week ago, advising all Germans living there to return to Germany at once, "as the two countries would soon be at war," was another of Dr. Schacht's money-grabbing ideas.

He thought that the Germans who would return would be those with the biggest money interests in the United States. On arriving in Germany they would have to declare all their dollar balances and property in America.

Dr. Schacht would then secure control of thousands of millions of dollars' worth of United States scrip, with which he would be able to organise "bear raids" on Wall Street and throw the American stock markets into chaos. Or he would be able to use the dollar assets to buy urgently required materials.

This scheme has not had much success.

## WORTHLESS NOTES

CURRENCY printing presses have been set up in Poland and France, and thousands of millions of zloty and franc notes are being produced. These are being distributed to the German armies of occupation to spend.

## THAT BIG BEN 13

LATEST Nazi Radio hoax story—that Big Ben struck 13 times at midnight—was described by an official of St. Stephen's Tower yesterday as absolute nonsense. "It is impossible for Big Ben to do anything so ridiculous even for the Nazis," he added.

"You might ask Lord Haw Haw how Big Ben could strike at all, as the Germans say, London is already razed to the ground."

## "The People's" Secret Service News

RIBBENTROP has told Pétain that he regards the present trials of M. Mandel, M. Reynaud and the other patriotic French leaders as childish. He added that whether they are found innocent or guilty, the ex-Ministers will still be left with their honour unblemished, and will continue to command the respect of the majority of Frenchmen.

Pétain has been instructed, therefore, that he must now contrive to "frame" them on charges involving bribery and appropriation of State Funds, so that their honour can be dragged in the mud.

By this means Ribbentrop hopes to strangle any possibility of these ex-Ministers becoming a rallying point—whether alive or dead—for a French revolution.

GESTAPO officials, and local Nazi leaders, are visiting all householders in Lorraine towns offering Swastika flags. If they hesitate about accepting one, they are out of the house and in a concentration camp.

As soon as the necessary numbers of flags have been distributed, Goebbels is planning to arrange a tour of



A youthful competitor in the War Charity Junior Tennis Tournament at the Northwick Club, Harrow, knitting socks for soldiers.

V.C. WAS  
ALWAYS A  
SCRAPPER!

BRITAIN'S SECOND NAVAL V.C. OF THE WAR, LIEUT. RICHARD B. STANNARD, R.N.R., WAS KNOWN AS A "GRAND SCRAPPER" AT THE ROYAL NAVAL MERCHANT SCHOOL AT WOKINGHAM (BERKS), WHERE HE STAYED FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE ENTERING THE MERCHANT SERVICE AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN.

"He must have been an outstanding character even as a boy, for some of the older staff here vividly remember him and are able to recall some of his exploits," said Capt. G. E. Tume, secretary of the school, yesterday.

Outstanding in their memories of him is a fight against a bigger boy which lasted forty minutes. Lieut. Stannard, Commander of the armed trawler Arab, was awarded the V.C. "for outstanding valour and signal devotion to duty at Namsos, Norway."

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BEDS IN KINEMASAPPEAL TO  
EVERY TOWN  
AND VILLAGE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

EVERY TOWN AND VILLAGE COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN ASKED TO REPORT TO WHITEHALL THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHICH IT CAN ACCOMMODATE, IF DEFENCE AREAS HAVE TO BE COMPULSORILY EVACUATED.

The Councils have been instructed to report how many families can be accommodated in their cinemas, theatres, skating rinks, public assistance institutions, empty schools, garages, parish halls, public meeting halls and empty houses.

They have also been asked to ascertain how many families could be billeted with households in their areas. Village and rural district councils have been informed that they should prepare to take over manor houses, granges, halls and similar large dwellings, so that scores of families can be billeted in them at a time.

These councils are being told to interfere as little as possible with the everyday life of the people, and to prepare to take over empty houses before they start billeting

refugees in houses that are occupied.

To making empty houses habitable, local authorities are told they may spend any sum of money that seems reasonable in equipping the houses with beds and essential furniture.

An appeal by the local branch of the Women's Voluntary Services will probably result in sufficient of these articles being forthcoming without any cost to the rates.

All premises that are used for billeting, whether at present occupied or empty, will be paid for in accordance with a scale shortly to be laid down by the Government.

FASCISTS  
IN OFFICIAL  
PLACES!

Special to "The People"  
FASCISTS ARE STILL EMPLOYED BY LOCAL COUNCILS IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND THE MATTER IS TO BE RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS WEEK.

The Minister of Home Security will be asked to order the dismissal from municipal employment of any members of Mosley's B.U.F. who are still free.

Just under a thousand of them have been interned—mainly the national and local leaders and Parliamentary candidates, together with the more active rank and file.

Many of the less active members are still at liberty, but their quietness does not mean that they have ceased to hold their Fascist convictions, or that they have ceased to carry on Mosley's work.

Mr. Bevin  
Orders Wage  
Census

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BEFORE MR. BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE, WENT INTO HOSPITAL ON FRIDAY FOR A THROAT OPERATION, HE ORDERED MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO TAKE A CENSUS OF WAGES PAID IN VARIOUS ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES.

This census is expected to answer propaganda being organised in certain Parliamentary quarters, and among certain industrial leaders, that present armament wages are too high, and that all-round cuts should be ordered.

Mr. Bevin expects to have the information when he leaves hospital.

Certain M.P.s have said that boys and girls of sixteen have been earning £6 a week; that men who used to earn £5 a week before the war are now getting £15; that in some cases the average weekly wage is £18.

I understand that the census will show that, apart from a few exceptional cases, there is nothing like a "wages ramp" that some M.P.s are trying to suggest.

It is true that it will be possible to quote certain cases where really

high wages have been earned. But what the critics do not point out is that they were earned at the height of the "Go to it" campaign, when, to increase the nation's arms at the most critical period of its history, they worked twelve hours a day for seven days a week. In some cases they damaged their health in the effort.

Another point that the critics overlook is that these big wages were earned on a piecework system, and if workpeople, for a short spell, did get twice as much money as usual, it was because they worked so hard that they turned out twice the normal number of aeroplanes and guns.

FRENCH SAILORS LEAVE  
EGYPT

Alexandria, Saturday.

A second party of French sailors from de-commissioned French warships here sailed today aboard the French steamship Athos under a repatriation scheme with Mussolini's guarantee of a safe voyage.—A.P.

HE HEARD  
THE SIREN'S  
CALL

WIFE: When the siren went off I went to shelter and I was naturally very annoyed when I found my husband there with the siren of our street sitting on his knee.

Wife: When my husband came home the worse for drink the other night I asked him if he had been drinking and he said he was just overcome by looking in so many glasses.

Solicitor: You say you didn't see the face of the man you saw in the street, but yet you are sure the man was your husband?

Wife: Yes; you see he has a distinguishing mark on the back of his head—the mark I made when I hit him with the poker.

Magistrate: Don't you think you two women can agree? Women, in union; Yes; we are agreed we don't like each other.

Wife, complaining of her husband: I am a respecter of the law, but if the law won't help me I shall take the law into my own hands and hit back.

Wife: When we were courting my husband told me he was interested in shipping, and when a certain ship arrived he would be a rich man, and I married him. That was 20 years ago, and he is still waiting for the ship to arrive.

EE, THAT'S  
CHAMPION!Blind Gardener  
Wins Diploma

A TOTALLY blind piano tuner, Mr. J. W. Sharp, of Link-ave., Urmston, Manchester, has cultivated such a fine allotment that he has been awarded the Ministry of Agriculture's "Dig for Victory" diploma.

It was Special Constable George Formby who first told the Ministry of Mr. Sharp's remarkable achievement.

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SLEEPLESSNESS

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Try this now. Run your tongue round your mouth, do you notice it... a rough woolly feeling. Smokers' fur has got a hold, and is damaging and staining your teeth. But don't worry, you can stop this fur from ruining your teeth today.

Dentists know smokers' fur is caused by excess acid in the mouth. Kill the acid and you shift the fur. What is the scientific way to destroy mouth acid? 12,000 dentists say 'Milk of Magnesia' brand antacid is the most effective antacid known. 12,000 dentists urge smokers to use the toothpaste containing 'Milk of Magnesia'—the only toothpaste containing it—Phillips Dental Magnesia.

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## INDUSTRIAL REGISTRATION ORDER—1940

### Men in certain engineering and other occupations named in the Order must register THIS WEEK

**BY ORDER** The occupations are listed on a NOTICE displayed in Works, Post Offices and Employment Exchanges throughout the country.

**You must see this Notice.** It applies to men over 21, whatever the nature of their employers' business, and to men under 65 who, though not at present engaged in these occupations, have worked in them for one year since January 1929. The only exceptions are: (1) Men wholly engaged on Government Work. (2) Men in certain industries specified in the Notice.

**Every Employer** of men who come under the Order, whatever the nature of the Employer's business, MUST READ THE NOTICE to find out what is required under the Order.

Failure to comply with the Order is an offence under the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

## Seven Days' Bombing HOW BRITAIN'S "HOT SPOT" KEEPS COOL

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

I HAVE JUST EXPERIENCED A WEEK OF BOMBS IN A SOUTH COAST TOWN WHICH PROUDLY CLAIMS TO BE ONE OF BRITAIN'S COOLEST HOT SPOTS. WE HAD STARTED WITH COMPARATIVELY SMALL DAILY RAIDS. NOW THE ATTACKS ARE DELIVERED IN FORCE—AS MANY AS 150 MACHINES AT A TIME—HEINKELS, JUNKERS, MESSERSCHMITTS, EVEN FIGHTERS USED AS DIVE BOMBERS.

They bombed us singly, in pairs, in threes and fours and in squadrons. The bombs fell in bunches and in chains of explosives which looked for all the world like a string of coconuts. To say nothing of what Lord Haw-Haw calls "The deadly explosion of the big calibre bomb."

But in all my experience of air raids in many wars I have never witnessed the equivalent of the cool reaction shown by this cross-section of everyday British people in an everyday coast town.

After the first raid or two they did not even think the attacks were either horrible or terrifying. Noisy—yes—but not too unpleasant if you took ordinary care.

### WENT TO SLEEP

In a tea-shop a cheerful waitress was taking advantage of a slack ten minutes to check up on her bag of cosmetics.

In between dabs of her lipstick: "They've been over this morning," she said, in the same tones that she might have used in talking of the milkman's round. "but I went to sleep in the shelter. Only heard a couple of bombs, anyway."

As she spoke there was a terrific barrage of explosions. "That's only the ground defences," Dab went the lipstick. "You'll hear the bombs in a minute, but as a rule they drop in the sea."

But as I rose from the table she checked me. "This is what we tell all strangers," she went on:

"The Heinkels hum, the bombs go crump, But no one's hurt except the chump!"

I went down to the shelter in the basement.

It was here, they told me, 'hat as soon as the ground defences were silent it was a sign that our fighters had arrived on the scene.

Three minutes later the ground defences had quietened. Only the sound of a dull thud reached us occasionally. Then a head appeared in the doorway. "Raiders gone," it said. "Will you put that book down, Mary? There's a customer upstairs!"

## £9,000,000 More To Injured Workers

**WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO INJURED WORKERS UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS ARE TO BE INCREASED AS FROM TOMORROW. THE EXTRA ALLOWANCES WILL RAISE BY ABOUT 30 PER CENT. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE, THE COST WILL BE £9,000,000 A YEAR.**

Those to benefit are workpeople receiving compensation for accidents on or after January 1, 1924.

For total disability (male or female) there is an extra allowance of 5s. a week. Married men will have allowances for children under fifteen of 4s. a week for each of the first two children and 3s. a week for each additional child.

Children who are illegitimate or adopted are included.

There are proportionate allowances for partial disablement. The total weekly payment and allowances is not to exceed in case of total incapacity seven-eighths of the man's average pre-accident earnings, and in case of partial incapacity seven-eighths of the difference between the pre-accident and post-accident earnings.

**MR. ERNEST BEVIN** The Minister of Labour, who is in Manor House Hospital to undergo a nose and throat operation, probably today, was reported last night to be satisfactory.

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A member of an R.A.F. bomber crew has on the road — in a milk — before starting out on a raid.



THE MILK RAID

The waitress sighed. "I usually have time to finish the chapter," she said. I looked at my watch—11 minutes from the time I heard the first bomb. Some of the inhabitants—the incurable "chumps"—get their biggest thrill watching the daily dog-fights off the coast. From their comments and shouts I estimate that the thrill of a football cup final will never be the same to these irrepressible enthusiasts.

"Oh, boy! Dive! Get under him! Damn that Jerry—he's slipped into the clouds. No, he's out. The Hurricane's on his tail! Shoot, boy, shoot!" The Hurricane fans work arms, legs and throat into a frenzy.

### CRASH INTO SEA

Almost as if the pilot had heard their shouting, there is a burst of machine-gun fire. The clear streak of the occasional tracer bullet showed the accuracy of the burst. Smoke poured from both the Heinkels' engines. He fell into a steep dive.

A moment later, blazing from nose to tail, he crashed into the sea.

A frenzied yell of cheering went up. Suddenly the sky was clear of enemy machines. The Hurricane went into a loop and followed it with a hair-raising stunt to celebrate his victory.

Then he, too, disappeared. "Another Nasty with wet feet," someone said, a girl. "Come on, hurry! The steak and kidney will be cold and Mums will be angry."

## "Thousand For London" MORE GIFTS TO BUY NATION SPITFIRES

ENCLOSING CHEQUES FOR £20,000 ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF, HIS WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER TO PROVIDE FOUR SPITFIRES, A PROMINENT LONDON BUSINESS MAN WROTE TO LORD BEAVERBROOK:

"The country's need is paramount and completely transcends private comfort and requirements."

There must be hundreds of people, some of whom are friends of mine, both in the West End and the City, who can well afford to give many more Spitfires than I.

"My slogan is: '1,000 Spitfires for London.'"

In recognition of the splendid achievements of the R.A.F., a public meeting at Orpington Council offices last night decided to launch a fund to provide a Spitfire.

"BOMBER DAY" Other gifts acknowledged yesterday by the Ministry of Aircraft Production include:

Staff of Chislehurst and Sidcup U.D.C.—£5; Mrs. J. Carter, for residents of Cansfield-ave., New Malden—£7s.; Dr. W. L. Templeton, Highgate—£5; some window cleaners in the Merton Park district—10s.; traffic and engineering staff of Mayfair Telephone Exchange—£7 2s. 6d.; staff of Malden Vale Telephone Exchange—£24; Mr. L. V. Johnson, Avenue-rd., Regent's Park—£1,000.

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## MILLIONS FOR BRITAIN'S GREAT WAR EFFORT

More and more groups are being formed and huge sums invested in Britain's War Savings campaign.

Last week a total of £10,520,230 was raised, of which £2,812,800 was from the sale of Savings Certificates, £2,673,745 from the sale of Defence Bonds, and £5,033,686 from an increase in the balance due to depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank and the Trustee Savings Banks.

Answers, with appropriate marks for correctness, in Page Ten.

### WHAT SAY YOU?

## Ten-Second Teasers

- 1.—It's a mountain in Scotland; it's a peak in Australia; it's a height in Tasmania. Name it.
- 2.—It's a low, flat, four-wheeled wagon without sides; it's a kind of truck used on railways. What is it?
- 3.—It's a bank or mound raised to keep back water; it's a kind of caucusing. Name it.
- 4.—It's a sweet tea-cake eaten hot and buttered; it's the name of the woman who haunted the same in Bath a hundred years ago. Name it.
- 5.—It's a form of cure; it's a type of day; it's a variety of house. Name it.
- 6.—It's a German woman; it's a German wife; it's a German widow. What is it?
- 7.—It's a South African; its bite is often fatal to cattle, horses, dogs, etc. Name it.
- 8.—It's a member of a race inhabiting Greenland and the adjacent parts of North America; it's a wolf-like variety of dog used to draw sledges. Name it.
- 9.—It's the name of a well-known Bible character; it's referred to in the Merchant of Venice; it designates an upright judge. Name it.
- 10.—It's a yellow alloy of copper and zinc; it's an engraved, sepulchral tablet of this metal; it's a slang term for money. Name it.
- 11.—It's a term often heard nowadays; it's prohibited traffic; it signifies articles forbidden to be exported or imported. Name it.
- 12.—It's the dried fruit of various trees; it's the common plum; it's a dark reddish-purple colour. Name it.

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### For The Forces

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7.45—For The Indian Forces.  
11.0—Time: Service.  
11.30—Programme Summary: Records.  
11.45—B.B.C. Singers (B).  
12.0 noon—H. Robinson Cleaver at the Theatre Organ.  
12.15 p.m.—News in French.

## Spy Menace In West End Night Clubs

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

A SPECIAL SQUAD OF SENIOR SCOTLAND YARD OFFICERS IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A SPY MENACE IN LONDON'S WEST END NIGHT CLUBS, BOTTLE PARTIES AND DRINKING DENS.

## TROUBLE FOR SWITZERLAND

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NUMBERS of pseudo-Communist Agents - provocateurs have been planted in Switzerland by Germany. The idea is to stir up strong Communist agitation, cause dislocation thereby in governmental and industrial activity, and thus to provide Hitler with an "excuse" for having to invade Switzerland and stamp out this "hotbed of Communism."

Powerful Nazi underground organisations are already in existence in practically every Canton of Switzerland, ready to act as soon as they are given orders.

The Swiss Government is countering the German move by ordering a round-up of all Communist and anarchist agitators, and has passed an emergency law to punish them with three years' imprisonment.

They are making their investigations at the same time that a great clean-up is being made by another squad of detectives on moral grounds.

Many of the dance hostesses and "entertainers" who frequent these clubs, as full-time and part-time members of the staffs, are girls of alien origin.

Some of them have been in this country for years. Others came here just before the war. Some still retain their alien nationalities, and have to make periodical reports to the police.

In the dens which they frequent they are often in the company of officers and soldiers, sailors and airmen, and one of their duties is to play these men with drink in order to swell the takings of the proprietors' tills.

**WAGGING TONGUES** Under the influence of drink, the tongues of these Service men may loosen, and the authorities fear that much information of a military nature can be disclosed in careless moments.

Many of the alien men who used to run these clubs, or assist in their management, have already been interned.

The danger to national security that the dens constitute is one of the reasons why the authorities are now cleaning them up and closing them down as rapidly as possible.



Indigestion? —not me!

FOR years this man suffered as perhaps you are suffering... the agonies of wind and heartburn, the torturing fear that every meal would bring its inevitable aftermath of pain and misery. But look at him now! He eats what he likes without a thought of indigestion—thanks to 'Bisurated' Magnesia. Even if you consulted a Harley Street Specialist about your stomach trouble, he could hardly recommend a better antacid treatment than 'Bisurated' Magnesia. Every day doctors all over the world are using and prescribing this standard remedy—they know that it contains the quickest-acting and most effective stomach correctives known to medical science. If you want quick, sure relief from digestive disorders, you want 'Bisurated' Magnesia. Prices 6d. to 2/6.

Take 'Bisurated' Magnesia



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## To the Mothers of Britain

Women who remain in their homes looking after their children are doing work of great national importance.

So, no matter what danger threatens, you must stick to your home and go on looking after the children. If your village or town is attacked, you must stay where you are, just as a soldier has to, unless you get orders from the police, military or Home Guard to move elsewhere.

Remember, if you stay in your air raid shelter, or downstairs in your house, you and your children will be far safer from bombing or machine-gunning.

Half of Hitler's success in France and Belgium was caused by the fact that the mothers and children of those countries fled from their homes, and cluttered up the roads so that the army could not defend the country.

The Government of this country relies on the mothers of Britain to stick to their posts like soldiers. Remember, looking after children is a vital national service.

...that's why you must STAY PUT



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of the poisons which clog your  
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give you natural bowel regularity—  
and that is the secret of really good  
health. Beechams Pills are purely  
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proved, always effective and re-  
liable. Obtainable everywhere.

REMEMBER!... "old  
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Worth a guinea a box

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Fully 90 per cent. of stomach suf-  
ferers need never endure another  
twinge of indigestion if they keep  
the acidity of their stomach within  
bounds. Doctors agree that the  
quickest, safest way to alkalize an  
acid stomach is to take "Milk of  
Magnesia" after meals. Thousands  
of former sufferers have discovered  
this unflinching way of avoiding in-  
digestion, wind, nausea, sour repeat-  
ing, and worse gastric troubles.  
Foods that once tortured them, they  
can now enjoy and digest to their  
heart's content. If you are subject  
to indigestion get "Milk of Magnesia"  
and take it after your next meal. It  
prevents indigestion, soothes the  
stomach, and makes food agreeable  
amazingly. You'll be delighted. Be  
sure to get "Milk of Magnesia" 1/3  
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8d., 1/-, 2/- and 3/6. Obtainable  
everywhere.

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mark of Phillips' preparation of  
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**THE TRUTH  
SIMPLY  
TOLD**

If more people were aware of how the  
kidneys must constantly remove waste  
that cannot stay in the blood without  
injuring to health, they would have a  
better understanding of why the whole  
body suffers when kidney action lags, and  
a diuretic medicine would be more often  
employed.

Burning, scanty or too frequent urination  
may be a warning of disturbed kidney  
function. You may suffer nagging back  
ache, rheumatic pains, persistent head-  
ache, attacks of giddiness, getting up at  
night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—  
feel weak, nervous, all played out.  
Use Doan's Pills. You can rely on a medi-  
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In addition to Zam-Buk Ointment for  
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Buk soluble suppositories for internal  
use. Ask your chemist for them. They are  
suppositories. Left in position at  
night they cure while you sleep. 10/- per  
box.

**CURES PILES**

## READ THIS FIRST

FOR seven years Leonora Madderly was  
engaged to Walter Ipsden. It was planned  
between them that when Leonora's father  
retired from the school of which he was  
headmaster, Walter, whom he had employed  
as a teacher, should take over. But the  
sudden advent of a private income of £600  
a year caused Walter to change his ideas.  
Spurred on by his mother, whom he was too  
weak-willed to resist, he broke off the  
engagement, and, at the age of thirty,  
Leonora found herself felled. Not wishing  
to be a drag on her family, she takes a job as  
secretary-housekeeper to a certain R. Treaynor, a  
bachelor, and travels to Cornwall to enter on her duties,  
which includes answering her employer's love-letters  
in a way that does not commit him.

LEONORA glanced at her  
watch. Half-past three.  
She'd read one more  
letter, then set about  
answering those she'd  
opened.

"My dear old Ruan,—What  
on earth are you up to now?  
I hear from Mavis that you've torn  
the little Winnowe helms away  
from her and taken her off to the  
wilds somewhere. Mavis is  
lively. She's going about hinting  
winkly that if anything happens  
to the kid, all your sister's money  
will come to you—and that she's  
sensibly expecting to see that the  
kid's taken a header over the  
rocks."

Sounds like a Basil Rathbone  
film, doesn't it? You've always  
reminded me of Basil Rathbone  
since from a stranger. Anyway,  
I've given you fair warning,  
and you can get your alibi ready,  
because the kid's content. If you  
leave the dirty deed to her? She  
has no scruples.

You can't deceive me if you  
can deceive yourself. It's always  
been Mavis with you. That's why  
no other woman stands a chance  
even if she's as attractive and as  
much in love with you as—  
Yourself ever."

Leonora read the letter through  
twice. Her eyes dilated. She noted  
subconsciously that it was written  
in a bold, dashing hand on thick  
hand-made white paper.

"The little Winnowe helms..."  
That was what Mervyn had meant  
when he'd said "lots of money."  
The Winnowe helms, with "lots  
of money." That money would  
go to Ruan... and Mavis Winnowe  
was expecting something to happen  
to her...

Leonora gave herself a shake.  
Such an idea was fantastic, pre-  
posterous. No man would injure a  
woman who was as beautiful as  
Mavis, his power, just because she stood  
between him and a fortune. No  
man? But Mavis had killed her own  
wives for money, before now  
Leonora had seen. Love from a  
man? She had known that. But  
sensible though it had seemed,  
things like that had happened in  
the past. The last for money drove  
some men to dark and terrible  
deeds. Made them utterly cal-  
lous, half-insane.

But... not Ruan, she thought in  
her reverie. Ruan was a young  
man. That was ridiculous. He  
was fond of Mervyn. Look how  
concerned he'd been about the  
child who had disappeared yesterday!  
Concerned—or excited? Suppose  
he'd had a shrewd suspicion that  
Mervyn had met her death in that  
wild sea, wouldn't he have professed  
concern, whether or not?

After all, what did she know of  
him? Why had he been so kind  
and the child here? Leonora asked  
herself, in sudden panic. Suppose  
he'd been a murderer? Suppose  
he'd had a shrewd suspicion that  
Mervyn had met her death in that  
wild sea, wouldn't he have professed  
concern, whether or not?

Perhaps Mavis was the one woman  
of this acquaintance who really  
knew Ruan, and he couldn't forgive her  
for perhaps she'd seen through  
him, and though he resented it, he  
still wanted her. Frustrated love  
was a terrible thing. Mervyn had  
been a moment, when  
Walter was saying good-bye to her,  
in which she'd almost hated him.

Walter. Her lips quivered.  
Oh, if he hadn't left her, she  
wouldn't have been here. He  
in the dark mystery of Ruan and  
Mervyn and Mavis Winnowe! Of  
who would dare to suggest that  
she was anything but a fool? But  
she'd been a fool, she was, had  
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## IN SEARCH OF LOVE

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it doesn't look as though I shall  
have much chance of sitting still."  
"I know I know! You must be  
worn out. Don't bother with those  
letters now. Anytime'll do," he  
said, with a disarming  
gentleness of tone. "Sit down on  
the divan and relax, while I look at  
you and decide from which angle  
I'll tackle you."

"Oh, no! No, thank you. Really  
I'm not in the least tired," Leonora  
faltered.

"Oh, yes, you are! Sit down now,"  
Ruan said firmly.

She was furious with herself for  
flushing, furious with him for im-  
agining that it would be a relaxa-  
tion for her to sit down on the divan  
and be stared at by him. How  
could he do that to her as though she  
were some inanimate object? An  
artist's model, indeed! What on  
earth would Isabel and Arthur say  
to that?

She sprang up, her brown eyes  
wide with indignation. "You're  
wrong," she said. "I don't want your  
letters typed now, Mr. Treaynor. I'll  
go and see about supper," she said  
breathlessly.

What he asked absently, his  
eyes still fixed on her. Ah, that was  
a good pose! The proportions of  
her limbs are exceptionally good."  
In another minute he'd be telling  
her to change into a bathing cos-  
tume. Leonora thought with rising  
panic. He was even more crazy  
than artists were reputed to be.  
Apparently it didn't occur to him  
that she might object to acting as  
his model. Perhaps he thought of  
it as an honour. He was conceited  
enough to think of anything.

She turned towards the door, then  
remembered Billie's letter. A swift  
desire to embarrass him, and she  
snatched it up, and handed it to him.  
"What's this?" he asked, without  
interest.

"A letter your stock reply doesn't  
fit," she said. "I think you'd better  
read it, Mr. Treaynor."

She watched him with breathless  
intensity as he read it, but he  
gave nothing away until he'd  
finished it. Then, to her amaze-  
ment, he flung back his head and  
laughed.

"If you'll give me the correct  
address, I'll retype them," he  
said.

"I don't want any address on  
them," he said. "I'll send them  
together in one big one, and I'll send  
them to London to be posted  
there."

Leonora beat  
loudly on the  
gong.

Miss Madderly? The fairy birds  
are hungry."

Leonora gave her half a stale loaf  
and left her sitting on the door-  
step, while she went in search of  
Ruan. She found him pacing up  
and down the studio. He greeted  
her with an impatient nod and  
pointed to the letters she'd laid  
out for his inspection.

"Can't you use your intelligence,  
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## Lyndoe's Predictions

# 'Crisis of The War'

HERE, CERTAINLY, IS THE EXTREME  
CRISIS OF THE WAR. INTENSIFICATION  
IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND, SOONER THAN  
MOST PEOPLE EXPECTED, STRONG EVIDENCE  
THAT BRITAIN HAS A FULL-NELSON GRIP ON  
HITLER.

No major invasion indications at the moment.  
The enemy may stage diversions to mask his in-  
tentions elsewhere. Charts still suggest the Near East  
as the real objective.

**ITALY'S position**  
will be worsened  
in consequence. I  
anticipate a seri-  
ous naval defeat  
for her shortly,  
and setbacks in  
land offensives.

**EGYPT** and  
neighbouring  
territories will not  
be swallowed. Be-  
fore operations have  
got far incidents in  
other areas will in-  
tervene. Nevertheless, I main-  
tain my original view that the  
chief and final struggle will be  
in the Eastern Mediterranean.  
And that will be where we  
draw the winning ticket.

The present period, besides  
showing the turn of the  
tide, preparatory to the third  
main phase of the war, will  
produce evidence of Hitler's  
failure to appease" the  
Balkans. All events which  
should hearten people here.

**BEFORE the year ends I**  
expect a clarification of  
the relationships between  
Russia and this country. No

**BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS**  
(Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week)

**TODAY**—Stormy year  
and you will need to  
think things before  
taking any action. Judg-  
ment erratic; essential to  
rule out experiments.  
Changes best left alone.  
Little financial damage.

**TOMORROW**—Encouraging  
results from most forms of  
business activity. A & D  
in the picture. Well-established  
undertakings are the safest.  
New ideas, especially in busi-  
ness, almost bound to lead to  
disappointment.

**TUESDAY**—Changes advan-  
taged, but make allowance  
for financial strain. Delays  
in business, especially if  
you rely on new acquaintances.  
Pleasant surprises brighten  
home life.

**WEDNESDAY**—Many bright  
ideas, but few turn out well.  
Plans dislocated by complica-  
tions. Be wary about taking  
anything at all unfamiliar.  
Stick to your normal course and  
all will be well.

**THURSDAY**—Upsets in  
home, and with friends, are  
chief difficulty with which you  
will have to contend.

**HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK**  
(Look for your birth date below to find your section)

**MARCH 21 to APRIL 20**—After a slow  
start the week begins to  
back up towards the end.  
Friday and Saturday are  
easily the best days for  
dealing with current  
issues.

**APRIL 21 to MAY 20**—Hang  
on until Friday before coming  
to a decision. A Tuesday  
here is every indication of  
marked progress in financial  
matters leading to far reach-  
ing stability in practically all your  
interests.

**MAY 21 to JUNE 20**—Week  
begins with few outstanding  
developments. Make the most  
of Monday for settling your finan-  
cial matters. Tuesday is  
the best day for changes, but  
you will need to keep a watchful  
eye on expenses.

**JUNE 21 to JULY 20**—Quiet  
week with few outstanding  
developments. Make the most  
of Monday for settling your finan-  
cial matters. Tuesday is  
the best day for changes, but  
you will need to keep a watchful  
eye on expenses.

**JULY 21 to AUG. 21**—First  
half of the week remarkably  
quiet, but it culminates in an  
emotional upset on Thursday.

**DECEMBER 21 to JAN. 19**—Mon-  
day an excellent day for most  
of your interests, especially  
financial. Tuesday inclined to  
be disappointing; utmost care  
essential on Wednesday. De-  
cisions should be left until  
Friday, when much healthier  
conditions prevail.

**JAN. 20 to FEB. 18**—Disap-  
pointments must be expected  
at beginning of the week. Un-  
less you take action to forestall  
them, they will be likely to  
affect business interests. Fric-  
tion with associates, plus cer-  
tain amount of heartiness, may  
be at the root of the trouble.

**FEB**







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The Wonder Tablet  
For Blood, Veins, Arteries & Heart

## NEAR EAST AIR BATTLE

French Pilots  
Draw First Blood

Cairo, Saturday.

FRENCH pilots operating with the R.A.F. against the Italians in the Near East have drawn their first blood.

Today's R.A.F. communiqué reveals that a single plane manned by a French crew shot down an Italian bomber and drove off others when an Italian unit tried to raid Berbera, capital of British Somaliland.

This follows the announcement yesterday that French pilots had machine-gunned Italian lorries and troops advancing on Berbera, the first time that "De Gaulle" pilots had been in action apart from reconnaissance work.

R.A.F. planes are continuing their work of breaking up the Italian advance by bombing and machine-gunning military targets and troop concentrations.

### ITALY'S CLAIM

They have also attacked Zeilan Island near the port of Zeilan, and also Adaleh, in British Somaliland, but the results have not yet been divulged.

The Italian naval base at Tobruk, Libya, has again been bombed and direct hits scored on an oil tank, the submarine and naval jetties. Many hours later there was still evidence of the fires caused by the bombings.

This raid was one of a series on Italian bases on the Cyrenaican coast designed to destroy Italian supplies of oil and ammunition which, it is reported, are being brought up preparatory to the long-heralded Italian attack against Egypt.—B.U.P.

According to the Italian communiqué issued from Rome last night, "the battle in British Somaliland, which began on August 11, against heavy enemy concentrations in the Jerato Pass, in the zone of Adaleh, has been won after five days' fierce battling."

The communiqué continued: "The British defence system has fallen, much war material and many prisoners have been captured, hundreds of dead of Rhodesian and Indian battalions were left on the battlefield."

"Our aircraft effectively co-operated in straffing the enemy also scoring hits on warships and transports off Berbera."

"British aircraft unsuccessfully bombed airfields at Assab (Eritrea) and Jijiga (Abyssinia). The action, which will bring the Italian forces to Berbera, continues."—B.U.P.

### CEYLON'S FIFTH!

The "Times of Ceylon" has sent the Chancellor of the Exchequer a fifth sum of 100,000 rupees (about £7,500) from its readers' Warplane Fund.

# Explosions Long After The Raid

## NAZIS DROP TIME BOMBS

### AFTER LONDON'S RAID



## FARMER CAPTURES 4 NAZIS

WHEN A JUNKERS 88 BOMBER WAS FORCED DOWN BY SPITFIRE FIGHTERS, AFTER JETTISONING SEVEN BOMBS WHICH FELL HARMLESSLY ON FIELDS, A FARMER DISARMED THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW. HELPED BY HIS GARDENER, HE CAPTURED THEM, AND LATER HANDED THEM OVER TO THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

### BRITISH AIRMEN RESCUED BY NAZIS

Berlin, Saturday.  
According to the official German news agency, Nazi sea rescue planes have picked up five British airmen, who were completely exhausted, in the sea near the Hoofden, and landed them at Amsterdam.—Reuter.

## ATTACK ON A SLEEPING COAST TOWN

PEOPLE LIVING IN A SOUTH-WEST SUBURB OF LONDON TOOK SHELTER EARLY YESTERDAY WHEN THEY HEARD EXPLOSIONS—BUT THE EXPLOSIONS WERE THOSE OF DELAYED-ACTION BOMBS, THE MOST FIENDISH WEAPON YET USED BY THE GERMAN AIR RAIDERS.

One went off in the garden of a house in a cul-de-sac and the next one exploded an hour later near where several houses had been demolished. A rescue worker said that he and ten others were standing round the second bomb just before it exploded.

"We had been getting people away and the place was cleared only five minutes before the bomb went off," he said. "When it dropped on Friday it made a crater only 3 ft. across but 16 ft. deep. To look at it was like looking down a well."

Later in the day two more delayed action bombs exploded in the suburb. One went off on allotments near the damaged houses and the other near a factory.

One of the bombs wrecked the chimney stack and roof of a house, but nobody was injured. Several people in the district are homeless as a result of the raid, and local relief funds have been opened.

Bombers made an extensive raid over Wales before dawn yesterday. Several bombs were dropped in a coastal town and many houses were damaged. Here the raiders encountered no anti-aircraft fire.

### SLEEPING TOWN HIT

There were several casualties, but only one death has been reported.

The first bomb fell near a bridge and another on the promenade, making a hole several feet deep and about 11 ft. across. Two bombs which fell in the town's centre landed in the main square and damaged houses. Windows of three houses were smashed. A fire began, but the brigade prevented it from spreading.

Several bombs fell in another Welsh town. Two crashed in the centre of the town with a whistling noise. Property was damaged, and four people were taken to hospital. They are Mrs. E. J. Edwards, Miss James, Mrs. Elias (a widow), and Mr. D. Pritchard.

What was described as a deliberate cold-blooded attack on a sleeping town was made by a single bomber on the South-West English Coast.

In bright moonlight nine bombs were dropped and all fell in a residential district, causing damage to houses and one small shop. There were no casualties.

Searchlights were in action some time before the bombs were dropped. No anti-aircraft guns were fired, and none of our planes was up.

Most purposeless—unless it was an attempt to terrorise civilians—raid was that on Eastbourne, the first town which has been announced officially as having been deliberately bombed.

"Damage was caused and several people were fatally injured," the official statement said.

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## R.A.F. SMASH OIL PLANT

One saw a high smoke-stack collapse. Another saw bombs fall on the compressors. Oil tanks were left blazing.

German defences were also strong at the Bohlen benzene plants, but our airmen saw their bombs fall round the refinery, power station and railway sidings. Fires and explosions followed.

The Junkers factory at Bernburg received a succession of direct hits. In a late stage of the raid one of our pilots, 20 miles away, saw a huge fire and then a tremendous explosion.

Augsburg Messerschmitt factory came in for heavy punishment, and at the Zeiss works at Jena gliding attacks caused havoc on the targets.

A Messerschmitt which tried to intercept the bombers at Jena was shot down in flames.

At Frankfurt, our raiders saw the metal works clearly in the moonlight and a succession of attacks started fires and heavy explosions.

Many of the bombers, on their attack, had to fly low, and by night. Only three, out of the large force engaged, failed to return.

Flying off the Norwegian coast a Hudson aircraft spotted a heavily armed German A.A. ship in Stavanger Fjord. Though Stavanger is one of the "hot-spots" of Norway, the Hudson decided to attack.

He made an almost vertical dive and straddled the ship with bombs. The ship was slowed round at right angles by explosion and lost way. Another A.A. ship was seen dashing to its aid as the Hudson flew away.

## "Cocktails" With A Real Kick

THE HOME GUARDS ARE NOW BEING ARMED WITH "MOLOTOV COCKTAILS" BY THE MILLION. THIS PRODUCT OF THE FINNISH WAR, WHICH PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART IN HOLDING UP THE RUSSIAN TANKS, HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE WAR OFFICE.

The composition of the "Molotov Cocktails" cannot be revealed.

## 1,000 German Airmen Lost

GERMANY'S AVERAGE DAILY LOSSES IN AIRCRAFT FROM AUGUST 8, WHEN SHE LAUNCHED HER FIRST BLITZKRIEG SHOCK, UNTIL HER LUFTWAFFE PAUSED YESTERDAY, HAS BEEN 61, AND IN AIRMEN OVER 100. THIS WAS THE EXTENT OF HER SUFFERING IN AIR ATTACKS ON BRITAIN ONLY.

Other enemy aircraft were destroyed and damaged on the ground in R.A.F. night raids, and a few were brought down by offensive British patrols over the European coast-line.

The R.A.F. lost on an average 15 fighters daily in defence of Britain.

There was the daily average of bombers lost in attacks on Germany and Northern Italy.

Less than 20 airmen a day were killed, wounded or captured.

Here is a full and officially revised table of German and British losses from August 8 to 16, inclusive, in the air war for Britain:—

German British		
Aug. 8	60	16
Aug. 9	1	1
Aug. 10	—	—
Aug. 11	65	26
Aug. 12	62	13
Aug. 13	78	13
Aug. 14	31	7
Aug. 15	180	3
Aug. 16	75	22
Total	552	131

In addition to the 131 fighters lost defending Britain, the R.A.F. lost some 33 bombers in its own raids.

Up to August 14 the German losses were up approximately 160 bombers and dive-bombers and 137 fighters and other aircraft.

It is estimated from a detailed examination of the types that this represents a loss in personnel of nearly 550 men.

Classification of the losses of the "record" 15th and of Friday is not complete, but it will probably be shown that in the whole nine days German losses were nearly 552 aircraft, but about 1,000 airmen.

The British losses in personnel for the whole nine days were about 173.

Of the 173, 100 fighter pilots whose aircraft were destroyed were saved.—Reuter.

## 'Nerves To Face Anything'

Dear Sirs,—I am writing to tell you the wonderful miracle your tablets have performed on me. I was so nervous I could not sleep at night and in an air raid I felt I should lose my reason. After only one bottle of your tablets, I am in a condition of nerves to face anything. Thank you, (Signed) Mrs. R. Yeast-Vite brand tablets bring quick relief from Headaches, Nerves, Lassitude, Depression, Insomnia, Rheumatism, Indigestion, etc. Sold everywhere at 6d. 1/3, 3/-, and 5/-.

## MET WIFE WITH BAYONET

From Our Own Correspondent

Brighton, Saturday.

A SOLDIER from Dunkirk, bayonet in hand, stood at the door of his wife's flat where she was living with another man.

The story was told at Brighton today when Harold John Healey, a 29-year-old private, was bound over on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to his wife, Sarah.

Deputy-Supt. Pelling stated that Healey yesterday went to the flat where his wife was living and demanded admission. He was swinging a bayonet and told his wife that he would stick the bayonet in the man if he saw him.

Mrs. Healey attempted to snatch the bayonet away and received cuts on one hand which needed six stitches.

Healey, seen by a police officer, said, "I came back from the hell of Dunkirk to find my wife living with another man. I did not mean the bayonet for my wife, but for the man."

Healey told the Bench that he was one of 26 survivors who came out of France of 1,100 men in his battalion. He had no intention of using the bayonet.

He would have put it away and given the man a good thrashing with his fists.

## NAZIS HUNT R.A.F. MEN IN HOLLAND

GERMANS ARE SEARCHING HOLLAND FOR THE CREW OF A BRITISH PLANE WHICH IS STATED TO HAVE MADE A LANDING NORTH OF RIJSBERGEN, IN THE DUTCH PROVINCE OF NOORD BRABANT.

According to a message broadcast to the police in Holland yesterday, says Reuter, the men are stated to have set fire to the plane and then made their escape.

The message called on the police to do everything in their power to detain and hand them over to the nearest German station.

Rewards of £100 would be given for any information which might lead to their detention, it was added.

The number of men concerned was given in the broadcast as "about 12."

## SHE'S HELPED OUR LADS IN 4 WARS

From Our Own Correspondent

Wombwell, Yorks, Saty.

A Yorkshire woman centenarian has knitted for British soldiers in four wars—the Crimea (1845-55), the Boer War, the 1914-18 War. She is still knitting for them in this war.

She is Miss Elizabeth Hoyland, of Margaret-rd., Park-st., Wombwell.

Miss Hoyland this time has already knitted eight pairs of wool socks and a number of scarves.

## FEET FEEL LIKE BALLOONS?

Are your feet tired and sore at the end of the day? Are they swollen and painfully chafed by your shoes? Don't blame the hot weather. The real trouble is stale Foot Acid. When feet get tired they collect thousands of tiny pores and stuff them up. Your feet can't breathe. They swell, ache and burn. Corns and calluses form.

But the moment you slip those poor feet into a foot-bath with Radox added, millions of tiny oxygen bubbles dive deep into your pores. This cleansing oxygen washes out every trace of stale foot acid. Radox is 1/6 per 10 oz. pink packet—2/6 double quantity, 5/6 triple 7/6. at your chemist.

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When you get a dull, sullen pain after eating, when acid bile burns its way up your throat and wind bloats out your stomach, don't wait in discomfort until you reach home. You can kill the pain drive out wind, stop acid dead in 80 seconds without water or any fuss and bother.

Simply unwrap two RENNIE tablets, wherever you are, slip them into your mouth and suck like sweets. Eighty seconds later RENNIE'S is powerful anti-acid ingredients have neutralized excess acid, stopped the pain. RENNIE'S are actually only half the cost of some stomach remedies—2/6 for 6d.; four times as much, 1/6. Used and recommended by 1,108 doctors. Your chemist sells them.

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## CIVILIANS THE TARGET NOW

On Thursday, when the biggest air battle of the war was fought, the Dover gunners brought down nine German machines, their runners-up being the Tyne gunners with six. Heavy guns, medium guns and Lewis guns have all claimed their victims.

### STOPPING DIVE-BOMBERS

The crews of the big 4.5 guns have watched their shells marking the sky with white puffs round almost invisible Junkers and Dorniers. They have seen German airmen parachuting down to them. The quick-firing Bofors guns have caught Junkers 87 dive-bombers on their downward swoop and made them end their dives in flames. For the first time the Lewis gunners' searchlight posts have had their revenge on the raiders who have so often sprayed machine-gun bullets down their searchlight beams.

Lewis gunners in the Isle of Wight described how they tricked a Junkers 87 which was diving low over them on its way to bomb an objective farther ahead.

They waited, and then they let him have it. The Junkers crashed just beyond them.

Lewis gunners near Folkestone also seized their chance. They waited patiently while the bombs dropped until the heavy guns had forced the pilot of a Dornier 17 to dive down out of their ring to safety, as he thought. Then they shattered this Dornier with bullets.

The gunners have had their successes by night as well. In the darkness of early yesterday they shot down an enemy bomber off Southampton.

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## GERMAN MORALE SHAKEN

My information leads me to anticipate certain demoralising reactions among the German masses. They are likely, soon, to be asking questions which Hitler will find it all the more difficult to answer because the truth would shake the people's confidence in its leaders.

These are the sort of questions which many Germans have probably begun to put already—to themselves if not to their neighbours.

"Why (they want to know) cannot the mighty German army overwhelm Britain—so much smaller than France—if it be true, as the Nazis claim, that the British Navy has been put out of action, that British people are starving and ripe for revolution?"

Why, after all Goering's boasts, is the R.A.F. still carrying out deadly raids over Germany? Why, after all the losses to the R.A.F. shown by the Nazi communiqués, can Britain still fight back?

Must it not be that Britain is much stronger than the Nazis dare admit?

Final and automatic cause for depression would lie in the question: What chance is left, then, to the German people for victory even at a later date? But the possible early disillusion of a nation which blindly trusted the Fuehrer's promise of an early victory is not the only boomerang that Hitler has to fear.

The extent of the Nazi leaders' dismay at the unexpectedly successful defence of Britain and the efficiency of our pilots can be

measured both by the fury of their air onslaught and the abusive frenzy of their latest propaganda efforts.

Knowing their own weakness against a nation not previously demoralised, they are now dreading the maintenance of our morale and gravely perturbed by the continued arrival of our imports and our growing fighting power.

Once, therefore, it was decided to launch their air blitzkrieg, their main object, apart from defeating the R.A.F., was to break us up in these respects.

Hitler has probably realised the grave effects on the Nazi regime which his latest miscalculations may have, not only within the Reich, but also in occupied territory and neutral countries.

The United States and Turkey are openly jubilant at the hammering the Nazis are receiving. Smaller countries are being encouraged to hope.

But the seriousness from the Nazi point of view is the restiveness now becoming more apparent in Italy.

The invasion of Egypt, for which an overwhelming force had been collected, has not yet begun, ostensibly because the scene behind the Rome-Berlin axis shows signs of strain and much depends on the result of the present battle of Britain.

Developments are being closely watched by Britain, the United States, Turkey, Russia and Japan. Though the danger of an invasion is by no means over, we are growing increasingly confident—for concrete reasons which may not be mentioned here—in our ability to defeat the invader and, indeed, to counter any other move now being planned by the Nazi-Fascist gangsters.

Now the Duce finds himself in a complicated position from which he cannot retire and from which

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